

## **Course description for 3000-level Ethnography of Sports and Play Australia, summer 2018**

This course will get students out into the real world of sports and play by taking a “hands on” approach to ethnography, the cultural anthropological approach to doing research. A review of Australian history and culture will provide a grounding for students’ ethnographies, as will case studies of the practice of sports and play that emphasize key issues in anthropology such as gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, class and stratification, violence, urban space, (post)colonialism, nationalism, and globalization. Emphasis will be put on ethnographic research methods and the empirical, scientific approaches used to conduct qualitative field work. Students will both design and undertake an ethnographic study related to a local sports or play practice, using observation, interviewing, surveying, and archived materials. The course will culminate in the presentation of their personal, ethnographic study.